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Amendments to the Specification

Please further amend the paragraph at page 39, line 2 through page 40, line 3 as shown below in marked form:

As illustrated in Figure 6, the restoration process of the present invention removes the top layer 76 and exposes the floor's pores in the floor traffic surface 77. The schematic view of Figure 6 is exaggerated for clarity; the present invention removes approximately two to three thousandths of an inch from the floor 11. The floor's pores are shallowed, which makes cleaning and drying more efficient and effective. The soils, grease, excess cleaning material, dust, etc., designated in Figure 6 as 75, are also removed. The right side of Figure 6 illustrates the composition of ~~the floor 11~~ floor tile 11a after the restoration process of the present invention. The floor traffic surface 77 has small peaks and valleys which are free from soil. Tile core 78 lies under surface 77. After treatment with the restoration process the elemental composition of surface 77 is substantially the same as the elemental composition of core 78. The floor traffic surface 77 provides excellent slip resistance. Besides providing a clean and slip-resistant floor surface, the present invention may also be used to etch a floor surface to provide a bonding tooth for a subsequent surface coating. When used in this patent application, the terms "etching" and "abrasion" do not imply any damage or visible design on the floor's surface; rather, these terms are used to describe the removal of the soils, etc., as described above.

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Amendments to the Drawing

Please further amend Fig. 6 (sheet 5) by substituting the accompanying Replacement Sheet for amended sheet 5. A bracket and reference number for tile 11a have been added to Fig. 6.